



And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.
—St. John 6:35.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.
—St. Matt. 5:16.

"What Must I Do To Be Saved?"

By W. H. Plattner

"What must I do to be saved?" is the question asked by our youth of today, or at least is in the minds of many of the young people who do not wish to express their inner convictions openly.

The same question has been asked by men and women for centuries, and can be found recorded in the (Acts 16:30) where the prison keeper became aware of the life of sin in which he had been living. He felt himself in a lost condition and without peace of mind. Likewise this conviction enters the heart of all, when they reach the age of accountability. That is when we reach the age in life that we know right from wrong, as we all must give an account of the misdoings of our past life. Now while there is still time, we should make amends, or spend eternity in agony, because we were not willing to accept the answer which the apostle Paul gave to the prison keeper in (Acts 16:31) which stated "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." For all of us who are being bothered with that inner conviction which troubles the heart and disturbs the peace of mind with a life of sin in which we have been living must go farther after we become humble enough to ask ourselves, "What must I do to be saved?"

At this point in life, we should be
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O I Love To Talk To Jesus

By Henry Grimm

If not at present, certainly some time in every person's life, he should have the desire to talk with Jesus. When he was here on earth, some of the Apostles had this opportunity to speak to Him before He ascended into heaven.

Christ talked with them to prepare them before His ascension, and told them that they would receive the

may be, or how heavy the load is, we find comfort and grace in Him; chapter 24, St. Luke. It tells us, on the way to Emmaus, Cleopas talked with the Lord Jesus and did not know it was Him, until they were sitting at the table eating, then their eyes were opened. The more we talk to Him, the better we learn to know Him.

Many have found Him and talked to Him in time of war, when they were in grave danger upon the battlefields. The sinner on the cross only spoke a few words to Him, "Remember me when thou comest into Thy kingdom." The answer was, "Today shalt thou be with Me in paradise."

When the heart is right, only a few words may be spoken and Jesus will answer. Has the thought ever occurred in your mind that when trouble comes more frequent, and we call on the Lord more often, that it may be for a reason to learn to know Him better?

Youth's thoughts differ from that of an older person. Youth asks God to protect him in life as he has a desire to live and do things. If He grants us this, we should be willing to live for Him. As age creeps upon us we lose all interest in earthly affairs and finally, when our bodies become weak we ask the Lord to take us to the heavenly mansion, or promised land. As the hymn says, He an-

TREASURED VERSES

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

—Isaiah 55:6, 7, 8.

Holy Ghost. He talked with them before He went to the cross and again after He arose from the grave.

Two thousand years have passed, and we can still speak to Him through prayer. He will hear us if we come in humility with a pure heart and mind.

No matter how rugged the road

swers so kindly in the tenderest tone of love, "I am coming soon to take thee to My happy home above."

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? If not, let's have a little talk with Jesus. He's in heaven now waiting for your call. He can give you the greatest gift in the world that lasts forever, and He will give it to those who love Him.

O Jesus, I have promised to serve
Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me, my Master
and my Friend.
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art
by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway, if
Thou wilt be my guide.

"The Silver Lining"

Oh, there is a light so precious,
On hearts so brightly shining,
It's a bit of Heaven's glory,
My monthly "Silver Lining."

As I read within its pages,
It seems God is caressing,
As in love He showers on me
This ray of hope, this blessing.

'Tis a blessing beyond measure,
I am sure you all will say,
For it's published by the people
Of God's true church of today.

From its lessons we can gather
Needful fruit for Christian life,
As the news and words of loved ones
Lift our thoughts from earthly strife.

Tho' we all have diff'rent stations
And our paths are not the same,
Yet the gift we prize the highest
Is the fellowship we gain.

Now, what better way and manner
Can we use to this achieve,
Than by editing a paper
Filled with things we all believe.

By a mighty hand it's published
And sent upon this earth,
To the souls who may be lonely,
That they'll know its golden worth

When at times I feel discouraged
And to loneliness resigning,
The Master sends this gleam of light,
The monthly "Silver Lining."

Composed by **Elmer Graf, Jr.**

The more love we give away the
more we have.

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

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willing to search the scripture farther than the statement of, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." If we believe in the Lord Jesus, we will be more willing to accept his teachings and begin where he says, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (St. Luke 13:3.) To abide by the meaning of repent, we must turn back and be sorry for the errors of our past life and make right the wrongs which we have committed against our God and fellow men. This can be accomplished by prayer to God through the High Priest, Jesus Christ, and by making amends to our fellow men whom we have wronged.

From an earnest desire to seek forgiveness from the Heavenly Father and our fellow men, we can expect peace from the Heavenly Father and forgiveness from those whom we ask it if we will exercise true faith in prayer. When we have received peace of heart and mind, there comes a desire in us to have companionship with Christians in song and worship to praise and honor our God in prayers of thankfulness. We are now willing and desirous to testify of our faith to those about us and especially to those of our congregation who are witnesses of our testimony.

John the Baptist said in St. Matt. 3:11, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire."

As an answer to our own question of "What shall I do to be saved?" we realize the steps to be taken then are to repent and be baptized that we, in newness of life, may receive the Holy Ghost.

This being accomplished we turn to Romans 6:1-15 and read the following, "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as

Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also **in the likeness of his** resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with **him**, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once; but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. What then? Shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid."

We are all happy to be able to have a Christian fellowship with these newly formed Christians and they also in their new found faith are humble and will gladly and willingly go hand in hand as true Christians on this path of life.

Now that we have answered our own question of "What shall I do to be saved?" by repentance and being baptized with water and the Holy Ghost, the urge impels us, by the Grace of God to go forward in Christian faith, not only for ourselves but that our light and love may also help other souls to attain this Christian fellowship that we all may stay true until the end, then have companionship with the saints in everlasting life.

What kind of a Church would my Church be if all of its members were just like me?

CONFESSIO

Confess your sins one to another and pray one for another that you may be healed. James 5:16.

"They are baptized of him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins."—Matthew 3:6.

"He shall confess his sin which he hath done."—Numbers 5:7.

"I acknowledged my sin unto Thee . . . and Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin."—Psalm 32:5.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins."—1 John 1:9.

"Confess your sins one to another and pray for one another that you may be healed."—James 5:16.

"Pour out your heart before Him."—Psalm 62:8.

Here a delicate subject is broached. Here the Word of God touches the most sensitive spot of the human heart.

A peculiar timidity against revealing what is in its depths lies in the human heart. Adam, already, tried to hide from the all-seeing eye of God. Cain feared that his wrong doing, which he wanted to cover up, would be read on his forehead.

And this aversion against the disclosure of what is in the innermost part of the heart, this false pride, has unfortunately deterred many people from conversion or has retarded them in it.

From whence does this timidity come? Is it not awakened and nursed by the power of darkness because it knows that thereby it can check people on their way to salvation?

Since it is true that a person feels that confession comes too near to him, what is more natural than that he seeks to deny its necessity? Yet what does contention help, and how far does philosophizing bring a person? What does the Word say—the Word which is the unchangeable foundation of truth, and to which we are not permitted to add nor yet to take anything from it. The Bible passages quoted are only a few out of many, and they show most clearly that it is God's will.

Moses, already, taught the people that they should confess their sins.

David who, as no other, could describe the inner conflict of the soul was also led through confession.

The result of the fiery preaching of John the Baptist was repentance, and the fruit of repentance was confession. (Matt. 3:6). It was not something that was manifested in several individuals merely, but rather all that were seized by the Word went this way.

James says plainly: "Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed," (James 5:16) and thereby he tells us plainly that a confession that is made to God only without the presence of a witness, is not the way that God has chosen.

It is not possible to attain the fulfillment of the promises of salvation without being obedient to the Word of God. And if we do not follow that guiding line, we are "blind and shortsighted." (II Peter 1:7) Many examples out of life show that he who keeps his bosom locked stands as before a mountain and gradually becomes hardened, while on the other hand a pouring out of one's heart would smooth the way.

Nothing is ordained of God without having a definite good purpose. Also confession is not given as a command of God for the purpose of showing His superior power, but rather confession undoubtedly serves to further our salvation.

An unrepentant heart excuses its evil deeds, glosses over them, or denies them. The fundamental requirement to redemption, however, is sincerity, for only to the upright does God give success in attaining this. The clear proof and the first fruit of uprightness consists in this and that a person acknowledges his sins with a broken heart, and admits them freely and without adornment. "I acknowledged my sin unto Thee."

Nothing is more dangerous than a tightly closed heart; no where else has the power of darkness such an opportunity to exercise its power. A heart that is thus tightly closed is obstinate, proud and lacking in upright-

ness — all unpraiseworthy qualities which repel grace; thereby Satan's power has the opportunity to assert itself. The opening of the heart breaks this might; grace finds entry and works wonders. James points out plainly that a person then has an increased strength at his disposal for then people can pray together about the matter in order to be healed.

Necessary and God-pleasing as confession is, it is in no wise a work through which forgiveness can be earned, as is often falsely proclaimed. Forgiveness is and remains an unmerited gift, and it must be credited solely to the merit of Christ. It is true that confession brings a great relief, but this relief is not to be confused with the peace of God which comes into the heart only through forgiveness.

It is, however, very true that a person cannot open his heart to everyone. Trust is necessary for this, and trust cannot be forced. He who receives confession must especially be equipped for it by God. He must be fatherly, loving and discreet, and must be filled by the Spirit of God to forgive and forget.

We have, however, not only done wrong in regard to God; we have also grieved or injured or in various ways harmed people. We can give no better testimony of the grace of God than humbly to acknowledge our wrongdoing and to apologize for it. It is good, however, not to neglect that opportunity of testifying of Christ's wonderful way of salvation.

If people were given their choice whether or not to confess, it would be easier to understand the fact that they hold back as they do. But the choice is a different one: Either to acknowledge honestly and to find forgiveness and be saved—or on the great day of the Lord to be openly uncovered in all one's ugliness, in disgrace and shame, and to stand and receive judgment without having a chance then of receiving salvation. What is better?

We call in friendliness to all closed and hardened hearts: Go to God still today! A Father-heart is open to you.

—Henry Michel.

Submitted by Andrew Nussbaum.

NEWS

On July 21, we were happy to welcome Rev. Ezra Feller, Mr. and Mrs. William Yergler, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bauer, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Feller and Mrs. Joe Clauss, and a group of young people from the Cissna Park Sunday School. Dinner was served at the church followed by the Sunday School Program in the evening. We are very grateful to the Cissna Park Sunday School and Rev. Feller for their part in our program and we heartily welcome them back.

We are glad to welcome Harry Schwartz back to our Sunday School after spending over three years in service.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Bollier are the proud parents of a baby girl, Donna Lou, born in Decatur, Alabama where they are now residing.

On July 8, a baby girl named, Kenya Pauline, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Art Levy.

The whooping cough epidemic has hit a number of little folks in our Primary Sunday School Classes.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Souder of Bremen, spent Sunday, July 21, with us.

Dorthea Conrad, Martha Moser, Laura Gerber, Katherine Norr, and Danelda Dotterer left for a two weeks' vacation through Canada and New York.

Donald Schlatter has enlisted in the work of caring for cattle shipped overseas for relief. He is now waiting at Newport News, Va., for the boat.

Elias and Lydia Souder and sons, Henry, Edward and Dwight, and Gaylord Widner, Ben and Rose Getz and daughters, Edna and Virginia, left July 24th for a trip through the Southwest of Mexico and on to California. They plan to take in the beautiful spots in California and on the return journey through Nevada and the Yellowstone National Park.

We are sorry to hear Luella Robathan is confined to her bed. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Gudeman, and daughter were guests at the Leo Church, Sunday, July 21.

Chicago, Illinois

Rev. and Mrs. Eli Winzeler and Dorothy, and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil VonTobel motored to Texas the early part of July to see their son and brother, James, who is stationed at San Antonio.

On July 14 a reunion of former Chicagoans was held at the church. Rev. Fred Grimm of Taylor, Missouri and Rev. Philip Souder of Cissna Park, Illinois were the visiting ministers. God truly blessed us through His Word and the fellowship with His children.

On Sunday, July 21 we had as visitors, Ada Schrock and Elizabeth Wiegand of Oakville, Iowa.

We welcome to Chicago Miss Arlene Zimmer of South Bend. Arlene is working as a nurse at the Hines Veteran Hospital.

Miss Esther Heinegar of Morton spent a few weeks working in Chicago.

Dan Knochel visited at the home of Rev. Eli Winzeler on July 22. Dan had just received his discharge from the Navy and stopped at Chicago en route to his home at Bay City, Michigan.

Elgin, Illinois

S2/C Albert Steffen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Steffen, arrived at Great Lakes July 20 and expects his discharge July 22. He served fifteen months on Okinawa.

Miss Libbie Goll is spending a few weeks at her lake home at Tomahawk, Wisconsin.

Elgin welcomed all their members and friends back after vacations, most of the factory people having had the first two weeks in July.

Two cars of young folks from Gridley, Illinois spent Sunday, July 21 in Elgin. They had supper at Jonathan Steffens'.

Betty, Marion, and Ada Mae Steffen spent their vacation visiting our Ohio Churches. They, also, went to West Virginia, Lake Erie and other points of interest. They were accompanied by Catherine Gerber of

Latty, Ohio. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Steffen, met them in Bluffton and spent the week-end of July 14 there.

Wm. Banwart died June 26 and the funeral services were conducted June 29 with a large attendance from West Bend, Iowa, Missouri and other churches.

Fairbury, Illinois

Recent engagement announcements are: Earl Roth to Lorene Maurer and Glenn Zimmerman to Mildred Honegger.

A June bride of this year was Miss Velma Jean Huber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Huber. Her husband is Harvey Ifft also of Fairbury.

The Elders, Emil Schubert and David Mangold, officiated at baptismal services Sunday, July 21, for two young people at South Side Fairbury Church. The two converts are LeRoy Koehl and Leona Honegger. May their new life be filled with pleasure through His Divine Presence.

Remington, Indiana

Visitors here at church on June 30 were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bachtold and family, his brother, Alf, and two sisters and their mother all of Fairbury, also, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kloter of Rockville, Connecticut.

Edwin Bahler, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Bahler, was discharged from the Navy, June 20. We are all glad to have him among us again.

The Knochel Family held their reunion on Sunday afternoon June 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Graff and Mr. and Mrs. Noah Baumgardner and son, Richard, of Akron, Ohio were overnight visitors in our midst July 8 while en route home from a visit at Morton, Illinois.

Visitors at church on Sunday July 21 were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Huber and their sons, Eugene and Lester, and their wives, also, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gudeman of Francesville, Indiana.

Mansfield, Ohio

Rev. and Mrs. Victor Stavenik, Sr. and daughter, Louise, spent several weeks visiting relatives and

friends in Grabill and Milford, Indiana.

Mr. R. Klauss of Peoria, Illinois spent a few days with his daughter, Mrs. Boyer.

Rev. Henry Sabo and a number of others attended the funeral of Mrs. Riggerbach at New Martinsville, W. Va. Sunday, July 14.

Rev. Noah Bauman of Rittman, Ohio visited our church Sunday, July 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Pulfer visited in Churubusco, Sunday, July 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth Graf of Akron spent Sunday, July 21 with us.

Mary Reining spent several weeks visiting relatives and friends at Bremen and South Bend, Indiana.

Oakville, Iowa

A number of our young folks attended services at Taylor, Missouri Sunday, June 23.

We held our annual Sunday School meeting at the Dave Miller home. Over three hundred joined in outdoor singing. Refreshments were served to the children by the Sunday School faculty and the parents.

Later in the evening outdoor services were held with Rev. Jake Pfister of Fort Scott, Kansas as the speaker. Visitors from Tremont, Peoria, Gridley, and Princeville were also present.

Mr. and Mrs. Orttie Rocke and Miss Dorothy Hinrichsen of Oakville, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wagler of Pulaski attended a reunion of former members of the Apostolic Christian Church at Chicago, July 14.

About twenty young people from Morton, Illinois visited our church July 21. They were entertained at dinner in the evening by Miss Marjorie Frank of Burlington.

Roanoke, Illinois

Funeral services for Miss Ida Blunier of El Paso were held Friday July 19, at the Roanoke Church.

John W. Lehumacher, Jr. of Metamora was recently discharged from the Navy at Great Lakes, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wittmer of Eureka have announced the engagement of their daughter, Dorothy, to Dan Hartter of Goodfield.

Cpl. Gerald Sauder spent a twenty-day delay en route to Kentucky with his parents and friends in Roanoke.

Pfc. O. William Leman with the Army in Germany spent a ten day furlough touring Switzerland. While there, he saw many interesting sights. On July 17, the Lemans received a cablegram from him wishing his dad, Jack, a happy birthday.

Francesville, Indiana

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Anlicker's son, Ronnie, had the misfortune of breaking his leg and is confined to his bed for eight weeks.

C/N Marjorie Wuethrich of Ft. Wayne is home spending a two-weeks' vacation.

Sgt. Richard Gudeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gudeman, spent a seventy-four day furlough at home and now is being sent to Japan for nine months.

T/5 Fred Howat has received his honorable discharge after spending nineteen months in service. His wife was the former Carol Getz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Getz.

Pvt. Robert Von Tobel of Ft. McClellan, Alabama is home on furlough.

A large number meet every Wednesday at the church to pack boxes of food and clothing for relief. We surely appreciate the help and aid given from different churches and hope that all will continue so we may carry on this great need.

Peoria, Illinois

The engagement of Hazel Wiegand and Walter Geyer was announced June 16, 1946. Miss Wiegand is from Oakville, Ia., but has been employed here. They intend to make their home in Peoria.

Frances Meyers is living in Peoria again after serving in the Armed Forces.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Weyeneth are now on vacation. They have gone west to Colorado, and have intentions of visiting the California Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Haefli are the proud parents of a baby girl. They have named her Joyce Lynn.

We regret to say that one of our

brothers in the Lord, Brother Fred Koehl, passed away recently. He was the brother of Chris Koehl, our ministering brother.

Bluffton, Indiana

T/4 Paul E. Dotterer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dotterer, stationed in Japan, writes that he expects to return home soon. He has served eighteen months overseas in the 42nd General Hospital Unit.

Cpl. Dale L. Reineck who has been stationed at Bad Wilwinger, Germany recently enjoyed a three-week trip through parts of Switzerland.

Pfc. Vernon R. and Pfc. Robert D. Gerber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Gerber, are moved to new addresses. Vernon, A. S. N. 45036637, is at 210th Station Hospital, Percy Jones General Hospital, Fort Custon, Michigan. Robert, A. S. N. 45039217, is at Station Med., 1580th S. C. U. Camp Campbell, Kentucky.

Carl Kipfer, recently discharged from army service, and Velma Feichter were united in marriage Sunday, July 14, by Elder Sam Aeschliman.

Morton, Illinois

On Sunday July 7, Mr. and Mrs. William Yergler, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bauer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bauer, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Feller and daughter spent the day with us at Morton.

On Wednesday evening, July 17, Elder David Mangold and Rev. Phillip Gutwein, Jr. were with us for our evening services and Brother Gutwein conducted the services.

Mrs. Fred Welti and daughter, Lillian, from Long Island, New York are spending their vacation at Roanoke and Morton. A picnic supper was enjoyed last Friday, July 12, at the Ben Getz cottage.

Hillsboro, Alabama

Elder Phil Aeschliman, Cissna Park, Illinois, Rev. and Mrs. Henry Wackerle, Bay City, Michigan, and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gudeman, Cissna Park, Illinois were visitors here and held services at the home of Theodore and Inez Brooks June 23. It was a great pleasure and blessing, and we enjoyed having them in our midst.

SALVATION

I AM CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST: NEVERTHELESS I LIVE;" (GAL. 2:20)

By Philip Gutwein, Jr.

Today many hear and believe the Gospel of Salvation, which first of all declares "how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day, according to the scriptures;" (1 Cor. 15:1-4). But even though they believe this, they have no assurance of Salvation, see no change in their lives, and are left to wonder where we go from here?

The answer is: **TO THE CROSS**, which cannot remain a distant and merely historic fact, but becomes to us a very real and personal matter for in the "reckoning of Faith" I see myself there **CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST**, knowing that as a sinner I have forfeited my right to life in—and with Adam. "THOU SHALT SURELY DIE," I have fulfilled, at the cross "because we thus judge, that if ONE died for ALL, then were ALL DEAD." And being dead I am also **BURIED WITH HIM** by baptism into death. This burial marks the **END OF THE OLD**, and all the "old things are passed away." And they "beheld the sepulchre, and how His body was laid." (Luke 23:55).

The grave is the end of the visible, but we by **FAITH IN THE WORD** which saith so, and not by feeling or emotion, do reckon ourselves like as Christ, to be dead indeed unto sin,—(no more dead in sin)—but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." The believer has died by the law, which condemned him, unto that law and has thus passed out from under its jurisdiction, so that he is "no more under the Law but under Grace" (Rom. 6:14). He has severed his **ONDONE** position "**IN ADAM**" and terminated it when crucified with and buried with Christ by baptism into death; and having been planted **TOGETHER** in the likeness of His death, the **BELIEVER** also arises **TOGETHER WITH HIM** in the likeness of **HIS RESURRECTION** unto a **NEW LIFE**, a **NEW**

POSITION, a **NEW RELATIONSHIP** which places him "**INTO CHRIST**" as a **NEW CREATION**, with old things passed away and with **GOD** being the Creator of the **NEW** in the realm of the invisible, the Spiritual and Supernatural, of which Isaac is a type, while Ishmael is a type of the natural "in Adam."

How can I **KNOW** about these things and that I pass "out of Adam" and "into Christ," since I can neither **SEE** nor particularly **FEEL** such passing away of the **OLD** and presence of the **NEW**? The answer is: We **RECKON** these things, (which are heavenly) to be **SO** and **TRUE** by placing implicit **FAITH** in the testimony of the **WORD** of God and a full **TRUST** into the **PERSON** and **WORK** of **CHRIST**, "after that we heard the **WORD** of **TRUTH**, the Gospel of our Salvation: in whom also after that we **BELIEVED**, we were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, the earnest (deposit) of our inheritance until the Redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His Glory." (Eph. 1:12-14) "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet **HAVE BELIEVED**."

Being "**IN CHRIST**"—there is therefore no condemnation to them which are "**IN CHRIST JESUS**"... for the Law of the "Spirit of Life" (which has jurisdiction) "in Christ Jesus" hath made me **FREE** from the Law of "Sin and Death." (which has jurisdiction "**IN ADAM**" and condemns the sinner to death,—hence the name: The Law of Sin and Death.) It is written and engraven in stones in a letter which **KILLETH** its transgressor, for "Sin is the transgression of the Law,—it is the "ministration of **CONDEMNATION** and of **DEATH**, it has but an inferior Glory and a "done away" jurisdiction to them which are "**IN CHRIST**."

How were we made **FREE** from this Law and removed from its ju-

risdiction and reach, its due processes of Justice, its condemnation and curse and the death it pronounces upon the transgressor? Were we set **FREE** by simply "making void the Law" and ignoring its claim upon us, its verdict of "guilty" and its sentence of death? Doth our Faith then operate to make void that Law which is holy and just and good? Does our Faith constitute a merit sufficient to atone for our offence or will now true repentance, confession, and sorrow set aside its verdict, reverse its sentence, disarm itself and exercise forgiveness in **MERCY**? When the "guilty must die without mercy"! All such would be contrary to **JUSTICE** and **TRUTH** and even would be looked upon as bribery to make void the Law and cause Justice to miscarry.

Through Faith do we then make void the Law? God forbid! Yea, we establish the Law. How? By submitting to and accepting as a just recompense of reward the full penalty of the Law, which is death, executed upon **ME**, when I **WAS CRUCIFIED**, in the reckoning of that **FAITH**, and **DIED IN THE DEATH OF MY SAVIOR** and **TOGETHER WITH HIM**.

"**I AM CRUCIFIED,—I AM DEAD!** through the Law and **TO THE LAW**; "For he that **IS DEAD** is **FREED FROM SIN**." The "**LAW OF SIN AND DEATH**" in its holiness and majesty is vindicated, its wrath appeased, and its offender destroyed, and it is once more established: "**THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH**." But for the **RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD**, assured and established by the Resurrection of Christ, this would be **THE END** of our race,—and the book of its Tragedy closed in mourning among the "Morning Stars" and "Sons of God" (Job 38:7) and with the banner of God's Glory at half mast for ever. **BUT**: "As in Adam all **DIE**, even so in Christ shall all be made **ALIVE**." (1 Cor. 15:22.)

"Were you there when they crucified my Lord?—Were you there?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?—Were you there?
Were you there when God raised Him

from the dead?—Were you there?"

YES! I WAS THERE! And it was there, that I was baptized INTO JESUS CHRIST, when I TOGETHER WITH HIM was baptized INTO HIS DEATH and BURIED WITH HIM in His tomb by baptism into death. And I was there when God "hath RAISED US UP TOGETHER,"—and I GO there as often as my FAITH can span the distance of time and space. WERE YOU THERE?

(To be continued)

WE'LL ALL BE TOGETHER AGAIN

When dear ones have left us to journey afar

O'er mountains or prairies or sea,
Our thoughts travel oft where the loving ones are

And lonely we often must be.
But sweet is the thought of the home coming time

To women and children and men;
It rings, like the bells, with a musical chime;

We'll all be together again!

When sickness and trouble break into our lives,

When cares throng in manifold ways,
When many a wearisome burden contrives

To mar the sweet peace of our days,
'Tis blessed to hope there'll be happiness yet;

That shining will follow the rain;
That those who now hate will forgive and forget.

And we'll all be together again.

When lives have been sundered by death's cruel hand,

When dear ones no more have our care
All happy and safe in the beautiful land;
So safe, no more needing our prayer.

Oh, blessed the thought of the meeting once more

Beyond all the sorrow and pain;
Where nothing is wrong on the heavenly shore

And we'll all be together again!

Permission by J. M. Wylie.

Submitted by Ralph Kipfer, Grabill, Ind.

If thou neglectest thy love to thy neighbor, in vain thou professest thy love to God.

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Everyone can do something to make the world better. He can at least improve himself.

Our Blessed Hope

By Henry Beer, Milford, Indiana

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and Godly in this present world; looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of our great God and our Savior Jesus Christ." Titus 2:11, 12, 13. Since the day that our Savior left His disciples at Bethany and ascended to heaven, the grace and mercy of God has been extended to all people and nations. He looks from His exalted throne and regards this world and its inhabitants as one people, for of one blood He hath made all nations. Time and age and national boundaries are insignificant in His sight, for He looks down from His throne to see if there be any who do enquire of Him. Would that we might fathom the love and concern which our God, in His loving kindness, has for all men. Jesus said, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work," (John 5:17) that this salvation might be the portion of every one that breathes the breath of life, for it is His will that all men should be saved.

In order that men might know the way of salvation, He has provided and preserved to this time His holy word which contains the mind and thoughts and ways of God. By a comprehensive knowledge of His word we are taught that we are to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, which war against the soul and which are the results of man's inherited sin. To live soberly, righteously and Godly implies a three-fold obligation, and only by the grace of God is mortal man able to fulfill these requirements. The word "soberly" implies sincerity, uprightness, and moderation in our own nature. By the work of grace in our hearts we are able to bring ourselves, our passions, and thoughts into subjection to the will of God. For the carnal mind is enmity with God and is not subject to His will. All who have experienced a true conversion by faith in Christ, and by repentance for sin, overcome the carnal state and can testify of a renewal of heart and mind. The word "righteously" per-

tains to our relationships with man upon earth. The transformation which a true believer experiences, enables him to live righteously, and the virtues of love, kindness, and goodness are manifest in his actions toward all men. The word "Godly" implies that we are to strive for a Godly and heavenly mind. We wish to walk with Him and do His bidding. The fruits of Godliness are faith, meekness, and temperance. A Christian is moved to do all things with moderation, knowing that the eyes of the Lord are always upon him.

As we live in this present world, we realize that we are living in a test or proving ground, and we shall pass this way but once. Isaiah's words are, "The grave can not praise thee, death can not celebrate thee." How precious is life, and especially if we have attained unto the abundant life in Christ Jesus. We commend it unto all. Are we looking for the blessed hope and the glorious appearing of our Lord, and do we welcome His coming? There is a consciousness in the hearts of true Christians that His coming is drawing nigh. The words of the prophets and the signs of the times reveal that His coming is imminent. Have we gathered the oil of faith that will enable us to be of that number who will enter in with Him at the Rapture? We recall the admonition of Paul, "Examine yourselves whether you be in the faith; prove your own-selves." Let us pray as David said, "Reveal unto me my secret faults."

We ponder whether we have done our duty by word and by deed, or have we forgotten the Lord's work in our pursuit of earthly gain, houses, lands or possessions? The Lord's work is primarily the salvation of souls, and have we as His children been engaged in our Lord's work? Henceforth we should be willing to give body, soul, talents, and earthly goods into His service, that the knowledge of the grace of God which bringeth salvation might be made known to all men.

For a Savior kind as He,
Say not that you have no room,
Seek His everlasting arms,
Ere death calls you to the tomb.

Letters

I have found many pleasant moments in reading your interesting and inspiring paper. May you be richly blessed for your efforts and achievements. My sincere thanks and appreciation go to the entire staff. . . .
Leslie A. Bucher, Arlington, Vir.

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. . . May God bless each and every one connected with its work and those who give us such valuable teachings to renew us in Spirit and Truth. It has been a great comfort to me in my deep sorrow (the passing of her husband, Ira G. Farney, Feb. 14) to read and reread the writings for several of the writers have been guests in our home at some time or other and many of those in the news letters have been our guests, and I am so very glad to hear from them through your paper. Again God bless you all for your great efforts to give us this big monthly letter. I know what it means as I was the author and compiler of the Farney and Virkler genealogy, and many are in the West. It means a great deal of work, as also the beautiful book of poems Rev. Henry Beer gave to us for every trial. We are encouraged if we feel our work and efforts are of real value to many as has been expressed in the letters in the Silver Lining. . . . *Mrs. Ira Farney* (Laura Virkler Farney), Croghan, N. Y.

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After spending seven months in Phoenix, Arizona, we are now moving back to Mansfield, Ohio. I want to thank the Silver Lining for the good work they are doing. May God bless you for the effort you are putting forth in printing this paper. . . . *Simon Beer*, R. F. D. 3, Mansfield, O.

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I have received the Silver Lining for the past year. It really is a fine paper and we have always enjoyed reading it and look forward to receiving it each month. I am sending my appreciation and thanks to you and all members of the staff who take part in publishing this paper. May God bless you with your good work. . . .
John J. Widrick, Lowville, N. Y.

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As the conclusion of my service overseas seems to be coming to a

close and looking forward hopefully to my return to the States and discharge, I wish to ask you to send, if you wish, the Silver Lining to my home address. Though I've commended your fine paper previously, may I say that I shall look forward to receiving it as a civilian, for the anxieties and trials which civilian life will present in these seemingly "latter days" shall certainly welcome and warrant the inspiration, guidance, and challenges (which your paper has brought me) perhaps as much as in lonely months amid so many varied temptations overseas! May God grant us of His riches and power that we might daily triumph in His Son, Christ our Lord. Yours in Him, *Dan Knochel*, Futuila, Am Samoa.

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I want to say I am receiving the much appreciated paper regularly. I just finished reading it. I am so thankful for it, as it is impossible for me to attend church; so it helps bless the lonely hours at home that most old people have here on earth. I hope it won't be long until I will be permitted to join those who have gone on before and are resting in peace. This is my sincere prayer. . . .
Mrs. Wm. Stuber, Chandlerville, Ill.

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I wish to notify you that I have my discharge and am granted the blessings of being at "Home," and the blessed fellowship with our loved brethren in my church. I have enjoyed the Silver Lining during my three years' service in the army where I was a lonely friend, and did find grace for repentance and the precious peace which passeth all understanding. The precious messages in your little magazine were of help and comfort to me. I wish to convey my deep appreciation and thanks to the editor and entire staff. May you be richly rewarded for this noble service to us in the service of our country. However, I wish to continue receiving this precious magazine. Again I wish to thank you and may the Lord's blessing abide with this great work.—*Ben I. Beer, Mansfield, Ohio.*

You have won no great victory until you have conquered yourself.

As a peaceful haven is to a storm tossed vessel, so is Christ the Lord to the troubled soul.

As a mother is to a child, so is Christ to the sorrowing heart.

As a shelter is to man in time of storm, so is Christ our shelter in the storms of life.

As a well of water is to the thirsting, so is Christ a fountain of water to such who thirst for everlasting life.

As a well-defined highway is to the traveler, so is Christ the way for the weary pilgrim.

As the natural sun is to the eyes of mortal man, so is Christ the sun for the spiritual inner man.

As the fragrance is to the rose, so is the Savior's love, sweet and refreshing to His saints.

As rest is to the weary, so is Christ to the heavy laden. **Rev. Henry Beer.**

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